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Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Russian Federation President's Committee on Matters Pertaining to the Chemical and Biological Weapons Conventions, the Academy of Science of the Russian Federation, EAI Corporation and the Chemical and Biological Arms Control Institute, I would like to invite you to participate in the Second Moscow Conference on Chemical and Biological Disarmament, Demilitarization and Conversion. MOSCON 94 will be held April 20-22, 1994, at the Radisson Slavjanskaya Hotel in Moscow, and will feature participation by many of the world's leading technical and policy authorities in these areas.

While the signing of the Chemical Weapons Convention last year in Paris marked the successful end of negotiations and the beginning of the implementation process, 1994 is the Year of Ratification. The nations of the world must use this year to prepare for the beginning of a new regime directed at the elimination of chemical weapons. MOSCON 94 will further that process of preparation and enhance prospects for ratification by addressing critical issues and offering views on practical solutions to problems that still confront us.

Although management of the destruction of the U.S. and Russian chemical weapon stockpiles is a vital issue, of equal concern is a range of other concerns including the health and ecological problems associated with old and abandoned, or nonstockpile weapons; the need to provide for qualified inspectors; technical issues associated with monitoring storage and destruction; and the continuing concerns over the potential spread of biological weapons. The papers and discussions at MOSCON 94 will embrace these subjects and more.

Enclosed is a brochure which provides details on the program, as well as some logistical information, and details on registration. Please direct your inquiries, as well as your registration materials, to Mr. Kyle Olson, of CBACI, the Conference Manager. He may be reached by telephone at (703) 739-1538 or by Fax at (703) 739-1525, in the United States.

I sincerely hope you will elect to take part in this important international conference. If for some reason it is impossible for you to attend, you may, of course, designate a substitute. This conference comes at a critical juncture in the history of arms control for Russia and the world. I look forward to your participation in this meeting and to seeing you in Moscow.

Sincerely,

Academician Anatoly Kuntsevich
Chairman